



NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

To: Selected North Dakota Classroom Educators

From: Jan Webb, Executive Director, North Dakota Council on the Arts
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Re: Lewis and Clark Fine Arts Poster Series

We are pleased to present a complimentary copy of the recently completed Lewis and Clark Fine Arts Poster Series. The posters reflect images of the North Dakota sky and landscape that members of the Corps of Discovery would have enjoyed as they traveled through and headquartered in our state during their voyage to the west coast between the years 1804-1806. A journal excerpt from selected members of the expedition is printed on the front of each poster to give a voice to their experience while in present day North Dakota.

Our intent is to make this poster series useful for classroom teachers by putting curricular activities aligned to North Dakota State Standards on the back of each poster. The poster series can be used as a unit for student exploration or can be used individually. This information is also available on both agency's websites, www.DiscoverND.com/arts and www.DiscoverND.com/hist.

This poster series is being packaged for distribution to all fourth grade teachers and seventh and eighth grade social studies teachers in North Dakota, the State Library, and ten regional education resource centers across the state. In addition, each state legislator received a set of the posters earlier this year.

This project was initiated by the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) and the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) and made possible through Lewis and Clark funding from the North Dakota State Legislature. We are pleased to provide this educational and visually beautiful poster series as a resource for North Dakota educators.

A special thank you to the Fine Arts Poster Series artist, Ric Sprynczynatyk of Bismarck, and the curriculum writing team of Wendy Altendorf and Sally Jenkins, Minot, Shelly Charging, Washburn, Donna Nestoss, Bismarck, and Debi Rogers, Mandan. The project coordinators were Linda Ehreth, Arts in Education Director, NDCA, and Marilyn Snyder, Curator of Education, SHSND.

Watch for *A Vast and Open Plain, The Writings of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in North Dakota, 1804-06*, edited and annotated by Clay Jenkinson, and published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Watch the SHSND website for more information.